Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether there is any objection to changing this?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There is no necessity to change it.

WATER SUPPLY IN ERNAKULAM.

72. Mr. M. L. Joseph (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*):

(*a*) Why have the Government refrained from giving water supply to many of the newly opened roads of the Ernakulam Town;

(*b*) were there not petitions from more than three people at a time;

(*c*) is not water tax being collected from owners of houses near these roads;

(*d*) do not the Government think it proper to stop collecting water tax from houses which have no facility of getting pipe water?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There is no refraining as alleged. The Municipality is laying mains in new roads as far as funds permit.

(*b*) The Municipality is taking action on the petitions received.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Government do not think so.

LAND MORTGAGE BANK—INSTALMENTS—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

73. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of instalments by which thousand rupees (Rs. 1,000) borrowed from the Land Mortgage Bank has to be repaid;

(*b*) has the Government realised the fact that, on account of the present instalment system, poor peasants who really are in need of the Land Mortgage Bank find it difficult to seek its help;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to reduce the instalment amount, extending the number of instalments?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 20 annual instalments. This applies to all sums borrowed (By-law 61).

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